**A Few Notes about Online Requirements**

*Blackboard, Blogger, and Wikispaces—oh my!*

All courses at WSU have a Blackboard component. I will use Blackboard to post all course documents, and required reading beyond the textbooks (copyright/fair use requirements permit me to post published material *only* on private online space, like Blackboard).

In addition to Blackboard, we will use/experiment with two other online platforms that you might choose to use in your future teaching: [Blogger](http://www.blogger.com/) and [Wikispaces](http://www.wikispaces.com). While we will eventually lose access to our course Blackboard site, we will not lose access to our Blog discussions or our materials on our course wiki. In addition, using these applications will allow you to develop (in a safe setting) your 21st century digital literacies while evaluating the efficacy of these platforms for your own instructional purposes.

Since you have already created a professional blog, we will focus on Wikispaces now.

**Class Wiki** (<http://wsu2014-2015.wikispaces.com>)

Wikis are sites that allow members to create and edit pages and participate in discussions, while each page’s history documents the changes made by every user. We will use this site to post final drafts of some of our assignments (including our unit plans) and share ideas/resources throughout the year.

If you are not already a member of our wiki (i.e., if you haven’t responded to the invitation I e-mailed you), you will need to create a Wikispaces account and become a member of our course wiki in order to post your work:

1. On the Wikispaces homepage (<http://www.wikispaces.com/>), click on “sign in,” and then “create new Wikispaces account.”
2. You’ll need a username, e-mail address, and password. You’ll also have the option of creating your own wiki (this is not required for this class). For the purposes of this class, please create a username that will be easily recognizable by me and your classmates. For example, my username is Katie.Mason.
3. Go to our course wiki, and request to join it. *If I recognize your name* when I receive your membership request, I will approve your membership.

**Instructions for Posting on the Wiki**

1. Go to <http://wsu2014-2015.wikispaces.com>, and sign in.
2. Determine which category best describes your contribution to the site:

* 01 Unit Plans
* TEST PAGE – use this page to *practice editing and posting on pages.*

1. Click on the page where you want to post your materials.
2. Click the "edit" button/tab in the upper right corner of that page.
3. Type your name, as well as a 2-3 word description of the materials you're sharing (please don't delete or remove anyone else's work; your edits will show up in this page's history).
4. Click "file" in the tool bar at the top of the page.
5. Click "upload files," and locate the document on your computer or flash drive. Double click on it to upload it to the Wiki. *Wait—you’re not done!*
6. Then click on your file when it appears in the box. It may take a few moments to show up. Be patient. When you click on it, it should appear on the wiki page.
7. Repeat steps 6-9 for each file you upload.
8. **Click "save"** in the upper right corner of this page so that your changes will show up on the page.